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December 8, 2000

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

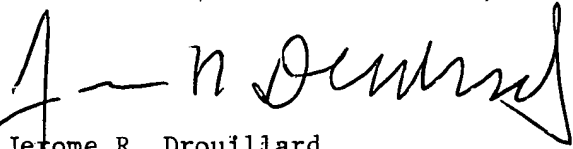
Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant submits this statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.57 and 1.97-1.98. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

PTO Form 1449, listing all relevant known references is attached herewith. A copy of each reference is also submitted for your review. Applicants respectfully solicit the examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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